

August 17, 2020

Subject: Golden Gate Canal Vegetation Removal Project – Airport Pulling Rd. to Livingston Road. – 3rd Notice

The Big Cypress Basin of South Florida Water Management District is the government agency that protects and managers our water resources in Collier County. As part of our mission to provide flood control and protect businesses and residents in our community, we work to minimize the risk of debris in our canal system by removing dangerous vegetation close to the canal. Trash, tree limbs, and other vegetation that gets into canals may clog downstream water control structures and cause flooding for residents and businesses along the canal.

Earlier this year, we notified you about a dangerous vegetation removal project along our canal. The next phase of our project is about to begin. Beginning early-September, our contractor, Merico Inc., will be removing dangerous vegetation within the drainage easement along the Golden Gate Main canal from Airport-Pulling Road to Livingston Road (see enclosed map).

Work will include flush cutting trees within the drainage easement that pose a risk to our ability to provide flood protection and planting sod in the disturbed areas. Any vegetation removed along the side slope may be treated to prevent re-emergence.

A website is available for you to access details and updates to the status of the project at SFWMD.gov/GoldenGateCanal. We anticipate the project to be complete by mid-October 2020. Thank you for your understanding as we conduct this critical work to provide flood protection for our community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at Ikoehler@sfwmd.gov or 239-263-7615 ext. 0.

Sincerely.

Lisa'Koehlek

Basin Administrator



Big Cypress Basin

GOLDEN GATE MAIN VEGETATION REMOVAL PROJECT LIMITS

South & North Right of Way – Airport Road North to Livingston Rd.

